



Faculty suggest presidential picks

Latest FNL tackles MIT 2030, presidential search process

By Ethan A. Solomon
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

This week, faculty again took to the pages of their Newsletter to chime in on key Institute developments, including the selection of the next president, MIT 2030, and MITx. The March/April newsletter's editorial page also featured faculty thoughts on the presidential search process, in addition to 10 suggestions for specific people who could replace President Susan J. Hockfield.

Members of the newsletter's editorial board were quoted asking for a president "who pays attention to the people at all levels of this campus," and "who is a scientist or an engineer; not an administrator." Another asked for "someone who will do something to restore the collegiality that used to distinguish the way

MIT did business."

"We need a President who will speak up against those who would pervert scientific findings or muzzle the scientific community for the sake of corporate contributions," said yet another. Quotes were not attributed to particular faculty members, only to "editorial board respondents."

The board suggested 10 people — four from within MIT, six from outside — to succeed Hockfield as president. And though only the joint Corporation-faculty search committee is actually responsible for picking names, this is the first time that specific possibilities have been publicly aired by any interested party.

From within MIT were Tyler E. Jacks, director of the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research; Eric S. Lander, biology professor and director of the

Broad Institute; Susan Lindquist, biology professor and former director of the Whitehead Institute; and L. Rafael Reif, MIT's provost.

From outside MIT (though all have MIT affiliations) were Joseph Aoun PhD '82, president of Northeastern University; Lawrence Bacow '72, former president of Tufts University and former MIT chancellor; Bob Brown, president of Boston University and former MIT provost, dean of engineering, and Course 10 department head; Alice Gast, president of Lehigh University and former MIT vice president for research; Robert J. Birgeneau, Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley and former MIT dean of science and Course 8 head; Mark S. Wrighton, Chancellor of Washington

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Kaiser withdraws as chief of NIGMS

Biology Department Head Chris A. Kaiser PhD '88 withdrew his candidacy for the director of the National Institute of General Medicines (NIGMS) this past Monday, citing personal reasons. Kaiser would have assumed the position on April 30.

NIGMS has a \$2 billion budget for funding basic life sciences research. It is one of the few parts of

the NIH that supports researchers at other institutions, but does not hire its own. Kaiser has been an MIT faculty member since 1991 and taught 7.03 (Genetics) from 1992 to 2011. The article *The Tech* ran about Kaiser's acceptance in October can be found at <http://tech.mit.edu/V131/N46/kaiser.html>.

—Stan Gill



MIT students, faculty, staff, and local students participate in a biology flash mob in front of the Koch Building. Participants reenacted targeted drug delivery to a cancer cell as a part of the Cambridge Science Festival on Thursday afternoon.

IN SHORT

The Red Line will be replaced with shuttle bus service between Kendall and Broadway Saturday and Sunday. Allow for a few extra minutes when going downtown this weekend! Buses will stop at all stations except Downtown Crossing. Riders must walk from Park Street to transfer to the Orange line.

The Spring Weekend showing

of *Up on Kresge Lawn* has been postponed due to an unfavorable weather forecast.

Nominations for the Student Leader Awards close today at 5 p.m.! Nominate individuals or student organizations for a chance to win an SLA grant! Additional information can be found at <https://studentlife.mit.edu/soa/sla/awards>

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Planning board review of MIT 2030

Meeting on Tuesday to discuss zoning petition

By John A. Hawkinson
STAFF REPORTER

MIT will present a new round of its ideas for the future of Kendall Square and the MIT campus east of Ames St. at Tuesday evening's public meeting of the Cambridge Planning Board.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. on May 1, 2012 at the City Hall Annex at 344 Broadway.

According to the meeting agenda, the Board will consider a zoning petition from Forest City regarding the block north of Random Hall at 7:20 p.m., followed by a discussion of zoning growing out of city's Kendall-to-Central (K2C2) initiative, and then an "MIT Zoning Petition Proposal update."

MIT had originally proposed a change to zoning in the Kendall area and the area of campus east of Ames St. in April 2011. The proposal would have enabled implementation of part of MIT's plan for additional academic buildings and future business development, dubbed "MIT 2030."

MIT withdrew its proposal last year after the city began the K2C2 process to re-envision both squares.

Meanwhile, this week was a whirlwind winding down for the Kendall portion of that study. On Monday morning, the Kendall advisory committee heard a presentation on retail space in Kendall Square. Mike Berne, the city's retail sub-consultant, said Kendall had insufficient population to support a full-sized supermarket, but should be able to support a drugstore, such as a Walgreens or a CVS.

On Tuesday, the city's consultants presented a summary of the work so far to the City Council. The Council expressed a desire for a half-day retreat to try to develop a more complete understanding of the proposal.

Then, yesterday morning, the advisory committee met again to discuss specific language of zoning regulations. While that meeting was supposed to be the last, it was clear the committee would require additional sessions to complete its work — it got about halfway through its agenda. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17.

PIANO DROP!



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The Baker Piano Drop was held on Thursday, April 26, coinciding with Drop Date, as is tradition. Hundreds gathered to view the spectacle on the side of Baker facing Memorial Drive.

INCREASING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

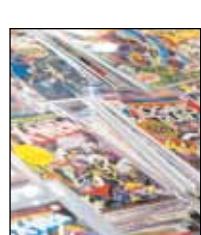
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White House to encourage bioeconomy

The Obama administration is expected to announce a broad plan Thursday to foster development of the nation's "bioeconomy," including the use of renewable resources and biological manufacturing methods.

The National Bioeconomy Blueprint, as the plan is called, discusses a variety of measures to spur research and development of medical treatments, crops, biofuels and biological manufacturing processes that would replace harsher industrial methods.

Use of biology "can allow Americans to live longer, healthier lives, reduce our dependence on oil, address key environmental challenges, transform manufacturing processes, and increase the productivity and scope of the agricultural sector while growing new jobs and industries," the report says.

Much of what is in the 43-page-report, which the administration released before its planned announcement Thursday, is a list of government programs that are already under way. So it is not clear what concrete changes, if any, will result.

Still, some biotechnology industry executives and scientists welcomed the plan as a sign of the government's commitment, saying it would now be easier to push for specific programs to foster biotechnology development.

"This may be the first time the country has recognized the total impact that biological sciences has for the current and future economy," Phillip A. Sharp, a Nobel laureate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who was not involved in the project, said in an email.

—Andrew Pollack, The New York Times

China pledges loans in bid to double its trade with Europe

WARSAW, Poland — Prime Minister Wen Jiabao said Thursday that China wanted to double trade with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to \$100 billion a year by 2015, and he pledged billions in loans to help promote investment in the region.

Wen made the announcement at a gathering in Warsaw that brought together business and political leaders of countries stretching from the Baltics to the Balkans that are eager to do business with China, even as they struggle to overcome stereotypes still held by many in the region who associate the Chinese as makers of inexpensive toys and designer knockoffs.

Infrastructure, high technology and green technology are particular areas for growth, Wen said, announcing that Beijing would set up a \$10 billion line of credit to support investment in these specific industries. He also pledged an additional \$500 million to be made available to Chinese companies seeking to make first-stage investments in the region.

—Melissa Eddy, The New York Times

Exxon Mobil's first-quarter earnings disappoint

The global oil giant Exxon Mobil on Thursday reported disappointing first-quarter earnings, saying net income dropped 11 percent because of lower production volumes and weak chemical profit margins.

In contrast, Royal Dutch Shell, Europe's biggest oil company, said its earnings rose 15.9 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier because of new projects and higher prices. Shell also increased its forecast for asset sales this year.

Exxon Mobil posted a profit of \$9.45 billion, or \$2 per share, on the quarter, compared with \$10.7 billion, or \$2.14, a year earlier. Revenue rose 8.8 percent to \$124.1 billion.

The company said production of oil and oil equivalents decreased by more than 5 percent compared with the first quarter of 2011, although revenue rose because of higher oil prices.

—Julia Werdigier and Clifford Krauss, The New York Times

WEATHER

Cool, clear weather this weekend; tornado threat in South will remain low

By Shaena Berlin
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In comparison to this winter's record warmth, the seasonable temperatures in the Cambridge area this weekend might feel quite cool. Cold and wet air behind a departing low pressure system will give rise to breezy, mostly clear skies with highs in the low 50's F and lows dropping almost to freezing.

On this day last year, a record outbreak of 305 tornadoes struck in the southern United States. These included two EF-5's, the largest and most destructive category of tornado, which devastated cities in Alabama and killed over 300 people. Today, while severe thunderstorms are expected in parts of the Midwest and South, the tornado threat remains low.

Extended Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a high near 59°F (15°C). Windy, with W winds above 20 mph and gusts up to 40 mph.
Tonight: Clear and breezy. Low near 34°F (1°C).
Tomorrow: Sunny, with a high near 60°F (16°C) and low near 34°F (1°C). W winds around 15 mph.
Sunday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s F. Low around 36°F (2°C).
Monday: Sunny and warmer. High in the low-to-mid 60s F.

House votes to approve disputed hacking bill

By Robert Pear
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Defying a veto threat from President Barack Obama, the House on Thursday passed a bill that encourages intelligence agencies and businesses to share information about threats to computer systems, including attacks on U.S. websites by hackers in China and other countries.

The vote was 248-168, as 42 Democrats joined 206 Republicans in backing the bill. The "no" votes were cast by 140 Democrats and 28 Republicans, including a number who described the measure as a potential threat to privacy and civil liberties.

Under the bill, the federal government can share classified information with private companies to help them protect their computer networks. Companies, in turn, could voluntarily share information about cyberthreats with the government and would generally be protected against lawsuits for doing so if they acted in good faith.

The White House opposed the

bill, saying it could "undermine the public's trust in the government as well as in the Internet by undermining fundamental privacy, confidentiality, civil liberties and consumer protections."

In addition, the White House said the government should set "minimum cybersecurity performance standards" for the private sector — an approach resisted by House Republican leaders.

"The White House believes the government ought to control the Internet, government ought to set standards and government ought to take care of everything that's needed for cybersecurity," said Speaker John A. Boehner. "They're in a camp all by themselves."

"We can't have the government in charge of our Internet," Boehner added.

The Senate is working on a more comprehensive bipartisan bill that directs the Department of Homeland Security secretary to issue regulations to protect "critical infrastructure," including the electric power grid, water and sewer systems, transportation hubs and

financial service networks.

In confidential briefings on Capitol Hill, administration officials have expressed alarm about the damage that could be done by malicious attacks on computer systems and networks that have become an indispensable part of everyday life. Supporters of the bill said China was stealing jobs by pilfering proprietary information and valuable trade secrets stored in American computers.

The House bill was written by Reps. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the House intelligence committee, and C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger of Maryland, the senior Democrat on the panel.

They accepted many amendments to protect privacy, but not enough to satisfy advocacy groups like the American Civil Liberties Union or the Center for Democracy and Technology. The civil liberties union criticized the bill as "a privacy disaster."

However, Rogers said the sharing of information with the government was "all voluntary," and he added, "There is no government surveillance, none, not any in this bill."

US inquiry of insiders at Goldman Sachs broadens

By Peter Lattman
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Federal prosecutors in California are said to be investigating whether an investment banker at Goldman Sachs leaked confidential information about health care deals to the Galleon Group, the defunct hedge fund that was run by Raj Rajaratnam.

A criminal investigation of an unnamed Goldman executive emerged last week during a pretrial hearing in the case of Rajat K. Gupta, a former Goldman director accused of telling Rajaratnam about the bank's private boardroom discussions.

The investigation of the Goldman banker, now identified as Matthew E. Korenberg, also underscores the breadth of the government's crackdown on illegal stock trading on Wall Street. Korenberg, 37, joined Goldman in 1999 and is based in San Francisco. On Thursday, his lawyer, John C. Hueston, a partner at Irell

& Manella and a former lead Enron prosecutor, said that is client had done nothing wrong.

Michael Duvally, a Goldman spokesman, said Korenberg remains actively employed by the firm.

"We have been aware of these allegations for more than two years, investigated them, and fully cooperated with federal authorities in the matter," Duvally said.

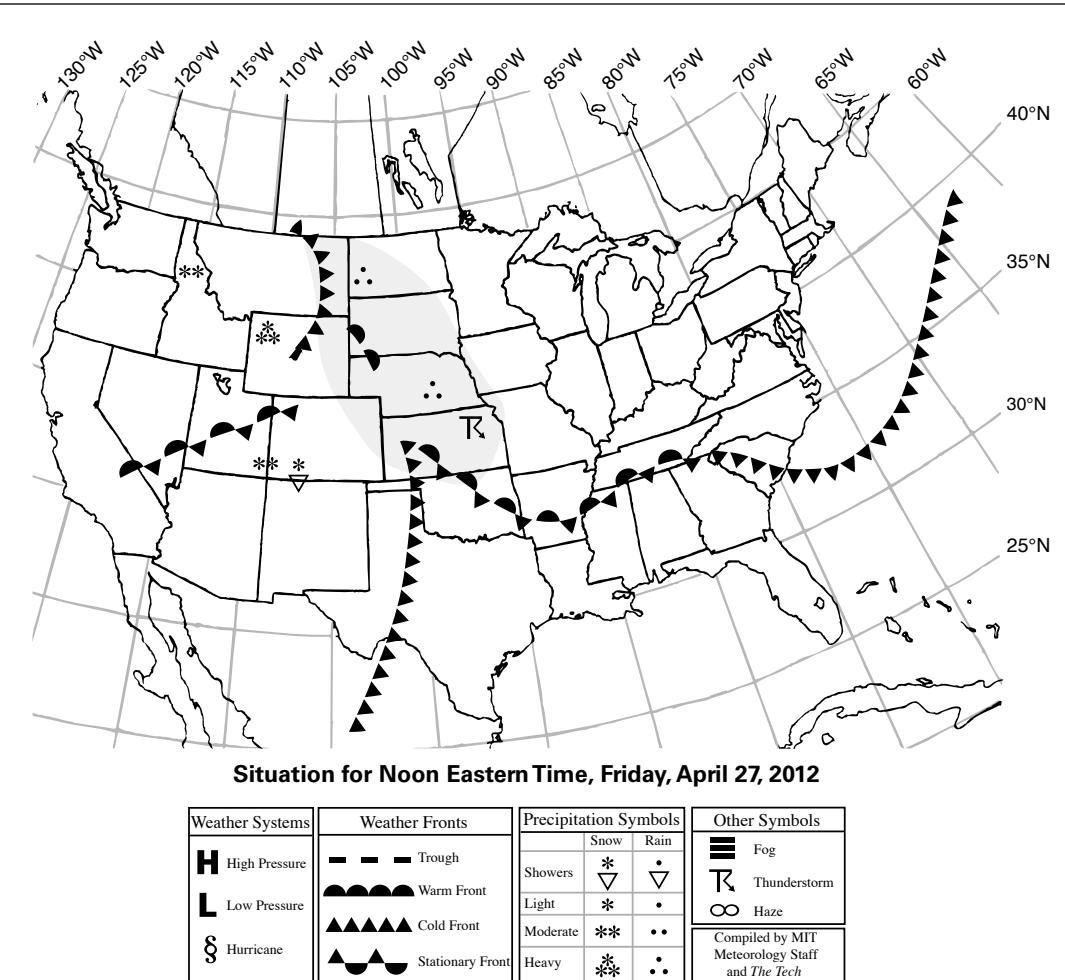
Korenberg was named a managing director at Goldman in 2009 and is at least the fourth person at the bank touched by the government's insider trading inquiry. The government is also investigating the relationship between Galleon and David Loeb, a Goldman salesman, and Henry King, a technology stock analyst at the bank.

The government possesses secretly recorded telephone conversations of a Goldman executive discussing confidential information about Intel and Apple with Rajaratnam.

nam that have yet to be played in court, according to trial testimony last month.

Gupta, 63, the former global head of the consulting firm McKinsey & Co., was a member of Goldman's board of directors. The government suspects that on several occasions Gupta, after participating in the bank's board meetings, passed on confidential information to his good friend Rajaratnam. Galleon traded in Goldman stocks based on these tips, prosecutors say.

Yet the Gupta case presents challenges for prosecutors. Many of the defendants that have pleaded guilty or have been convicted of insider trading, including Rajaratnam, have been caught on wiretaps swapping secret information. There is no direct evidence of insider trading between Gupta and Rajaratnam; instead, the government is relying on phone bills and trading records to establish Gupta's guilt.



Liberian ex-leader convicted in Sierra Leone war atrocities

By Marlise Simons
THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Charles G. Taylor, the former president of Liberia and once a powerful warlord, was convicted by an international tribunal Thursday of arming, supporting and guiding a brutal rebel movement that committed mass atrocities in Sierra Leone during its civil war in the 1990s. He is the first head of state to be convicted by an international court since the Nuremberg trials after World War II.

After 13 months of deliberation, a panel of three judges from Ireland, Samoa and Uganda found Taylor guilty of crimes against humanity and war crimes, including murder, rape, slavery and the use of child

soldiers. They said he had helped plan the capture of diamond mines and the invasion of Freetown, the capital. But the judges said the prosecution failed to prove that Taylor directly commanded the rebels responsible for the atrocities.

The conflict in Sierra Leone became notorious for its gruesome tactics, including the calculated mutilation of thousands of civilians, the widespread use of drugged child soldiers and the mining of diamonds to pay for guns and ammunition. A new, sinister rebel vocabulary pointed to the horrors: applying "a smile" meant cutting off the upper and lower lips of a victim; giving "long sleeves" meant hacking off the hands; and giving "short sleeves" meant cutting the arm above the

elbow.

"Charles Taylor is guilty, what he has done," said Osman Turay, one of several amputees playing soccer on crutches in the concrete shell of an unfinished building in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital, on Thursday. "He is the one who started this."

Prosecutors said Taylor's part in the devastation was motivated not by ideology, but by a quest for power and money — "pure avarice," in the words of David M. Crane, the U.S. prosecutor who indicted him in 2003. Rebels supplied Taylor with "a continuous supply" of diamonds, often in exchange for arms and ammunition, the court found, allowing him to send what prosecutors said amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars to offshore companies.

US agrees to reduce size of force on Okinawa

By Thom Shanker
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The United States and Japan have reached agreement on a long-simmering dispute that calls for the U.S. military to reduce the number of Marines on Okinawa by 9,000 and begin returning land to the government there, senior officials announced Thursday.

The deal was presented by senior U.S. officials as a victory for both sides: It offers the prospect of removing a chronic source of Japanese resentment and, in keeping with the

Obama administration's new focus on Asia, allows the Defense Department to free up ground forces for rotating deployments elsewhere across the Pacific region, the officials said.

No timetable was announced for completing the redeployment, which would still leave about 10,000 Marines based on Okinawa. About 5,000 of the Marines leaving the island are to be sent to Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean, and a smaller number to Hawaii.

But with U.S. efforts to increase troop rotations and Navy ship visits throughout the region — includ-

ing a new plan for Marines to rotate through a base in Australia — the overall U.S. presence in the Asia-Pacific region will not decrease, and may grow in various regions at different times, officials said.

The agreement on removing the Marines was made possible by separating those negotiations from another thorny issue. The Japanese have demanded that the U.S. move the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from its current site — an urban part of Okinawa — to a less-populated spot in the north, at Camp Schwab.

Testifying, Murdoch cites 'cover-up' in hacking

LONDON — Rupert Murdoch criticized many different people for many different things in a morning of scrappy and often blunt testimony before a judicial panel here on Thursday. But in the most explosive criticism of all, he unexpectedly accused at least one former employee of presiding over a "cover-up" of phone hacking and other dubious practices at the News of the World tabloid.

"I do blame one or two people," he said, adding that he did not want to name them because "for all I know they may be arrested," and then proceeded to make it fairly obvious who he meant, anyway. One was the now-defunct newspaper's longtime chief lawyer, Tom Crone; the other appeared to be Colin Myler, its final editor.

Murdoch said that as the newspaper's proprietor, he bore ultimate responsibility for the hacking scandal that spurred him to shut News of the World down last summer. But he said he had been "shielded" from the truth by his obfuscating employees.

—Sarah Lyall, *The New York Times*

Running the world with eyes wide open

Jesper Olsen, a 40-year-old from Denmark, runs the equivalent of a marathon most days. He eschews iPods and is on his 25th pair of running shoes as he strings the long runs together in his second run around the world. Call him a real-life Forrest Gump and he playfully rolls his eyes.

The 40,000-kilometers-on-foot journey, which he bills as World Run II, began in July 2008 in Nordkapp, Norway. Olsen aims to finish in Newfoundland in July.

If Olsen succeeds, he will complete what is believed to be the world's longest run, beating out his first world run by more than 14,000 kilometers, though records for such ordeals are hardly reliable. His quest is taking him from the top of the globe and back, traversing four continents and myriad terrains, temperatures and cultures. He paused in New York this week to run the Self-Transcendence Six Day Race.

Olsen's voyage is a sequel to one he completed in 2005, believed to be the first fully documented run around the world, which mostly traveled east to west. Almost immediately upon completing that journey, he began planning his current adventure, with a more north-to-south route.

The global treks have produced some of the ordinary aches and pains known to long-distance runners. But Olsen's second trek has also included episodes of dysentery, malaria, and dehydration. Olsen and his accompanying drivers have experienced extreme desert heat, the chill of high altitudes, robbery and the loss of three shipments of running shoes in the Argentine postal system.

—Mary Pilon, *The New York Times*

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GUEST COLUMN

Building better shuttles

A case study for student involvement

By Karen Sittig,
Brian Spatocco,
and Alexander Slocum

Though the Institute is famous for its ability to innovate for the greater society, it is also equally well-positioned to solve for problems residing within its own walls. As opposed to bringing in expensive outside consultants or expanding the administrative hierarchy in order to address the dynamic issues/problems facing MIT, we would like to propose a paradigm shift towards looking inwards first to see what types of novel solutions can be generated far before RFPs and Calls for Applicants are ever distributed. As a basis for this hypothesis consider that this month, members of the Committee on Student Life (CSL) received a presentation from the Graduate Student Council's (GSC) Transportation Working Group (TWG) which did just that: The TWG leveraged MIT skill sets to help it creatively solve shared problems and seize upon new opportunities.

Specifically, the team worked to amalgamate large data sets from around the Institute in order to optimize existing and future MIT shuttle lines by creating unique algorithms to maximize not only the number of students, staff, and faculty served, but also reduce the cost per student which the Institute incurs by offering such services. The final result, which was presented to the Institute Committee on Transportation and Parking this last Monday (April 23) proposed a completely new shuttle line which aimed to serve the nearly 2,000 off-campus graduates living east of Massachusetts Avenue (around Inman and Union Squares) which currently have zero service options after 7 p.m. Conservative estimates placed this new service at a quarter of the per person cost of other existing lines. Perhaps the most exciting part is the fact that all of the members of the working group are MIT students — while Institute staff data were consulted and Institute data was used for the analysis, no outside consultants had to be brought in (or paid!) to tackle this project. Worth mentioning are the contributors to the project: Pierre-Olivier Lepage G, Alexandre Jacquillat G, Yunke Xiang

G, Alexandra Malikova G, Iain Dunning G, and Maokai Lin G.

We believe this particular project has yielded not only an explicit opportunity for the Institute to improve its services for its stakeholders but has, from a much higher-level perspective, offered to us an excellent template for how students and faculty can add significant value to institutional decision-making processes and how the proper engagement of these groups results not only in shared governance driven buy-in but, more importantly, a better product at the end of the day. In a year checkered with concerns about

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community inclusion surrounding MITx, MIT 2030, and the Kendall Square development projects, the CSL sees the accomplished work by the TWG as the first step in a greater collaboration space between the Institute and the student body, and we encourage the Institute to listen to their recommendations and act upon them. Furthermore, we encourage the Institute to call upon its students and faculty in its times of need — task them with creating project proposals, provide basic resources to help them get off the ground, and empower the student body to take a greater interest in the future of the Institute.

Transportation is only one area of development for the Institute — moving forward, we can only begin to imagine the potential for savings if the Institute looked toward its students and faculty to assist in other efforts. Students, too, can benefit from getting real-world experience by being encouraged to turn the MIT world around them into a living laboratory. For example, the TWG developed proce-

dures and algorithms that at the very least should lead to a new shuttle line that will greatly help MIT. After the shuttle starts and runs, the resulting data can be used with the process and algorithms to yield a fantastic journal article that can help others around the world learn from what we did and evolve their ideas for their own good. Even more interesting is the fact that many communities likely have the same needs, and the TWG might be able to create a startup by leveraging their recently generated intellectual property! A company that knows where and when really bright people are would be extremely valuable to a giant digital entity that thrives on selling advertising or local businesses that can offer time of day specials. If the true goal of the Institute is to shape the leaders and problem solvers of the next generation, what better way than to give them the chance to impact and take ownership over the smaller petri dish which is MIT before launching into their professional careers?

To make all this even more interesting, MIT stands to further benefit in a big way by encouraging and facilitating this sort of activity because it has the potential to not only improve the happiness of students' lives while they are here, but also propel them into lucrative (and potentially benevolent) positions later in life! If that's not enough, imagine the real economics of something like the shuttle: It may have a direct cost of about \$300k/year, but if it means 1,000 graduate students feel safe going home one hour later per day, that equates to perhaps 200,000 more person hours work per year, and the increased research productivity dwarfs any costs associated with the line.

In conclusion, going far beyond simple first order thinking is what has made MIT perhaps the best educator of problem solvers on the planet, and it's within our reach to practice what we teach: Mens et Manus et get it done! ☺

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GUEST COLUMN

2012 - 2008 = 1960

How the GOP campaign could not have been better scripted

By A.J. Edelman

"We've just been kicked in the groin."

It is Christmas week, 1959, but for the Nixon/1960 campaign it might as well have been the darkest days of winter. Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York has just announced his withdrawal from what is projected to be a bloody battle against Vice President Richard Nixon for the presidential nomination, and by extension, the

position of standard-bearer of the GOP. According to Theodore H. White, in *Making of the President 1960*, the above quote was the response of a member of Nixon's personal staff upon hearing of Rockefeller's withdrawal.

To the dismay of the Nixon campaign, for the next seven months, Nixon would run uncontested. All the while the national spotlight would be focused almost exclusively on an intensely hostile, lengthy campaign

battle for the democratic nomination. For over half a year the nation would watch as an untested junior senator tried to secure the nomination by fending off nine other challengers, including perhaps the most powerful senate majority leader in U.S. history, Lyndon B. Johnson, as well as Adlai Stevenson and Hubert Humphrey, both skilled and experienced national campaigners.

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CORRECTIONS

The headline for an opinion article published on Tuesday incorrectly states the number of people in Russia. The number is actually 143,030,106, not 1,234,571.

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PUTIN PART III

The new Russians: emerging and educated?

The Russian middle class's love of liberal democratic values is too superficial to lead to change

By Florence Gallez
STAFF COLUMNIST

The United States and its supporters have hardly been able to contain their excitement at the winds of democratic change that they perceive as blowing in the Arab world and other regions following recent anti-government uprisings. But this has often led to misinterpretation and inflation of the actual number and honorable motives of the protesters. The Western media's assessment of the recent street protests in Russia is no exception. The misjudgment and embellishment of the popular opposition and reactionary forces in Russian society by the West is in fact not confined to their size, but also their quality — or one could say, the "spirit" behind them.

This has been most apparent in the American and European media's descriptions of the emerging middle class, in which they also claim to see signs of true democratic efforts and evolution. While this has undeniably been the case, it does not hurt to question the rather short-lived acts of rebellion that the already waning activism on the streets attests to, or the lack of direction and organization of the political opposition, or the real motives and long-term goals and passions of the now more socially mobile segments of society.

Often described by optimistic Western commentators as "richer, more vocal (as here above), technology-savvy, and more educated and intellectually enlightened" than the rest of Russian society and their former repressed selves under Soviet rule, it is important to note that these qualifiers as-

signed to this 'new class' miss the point on several fronts.

The Economist, for example, reports, "A poll by the Levada Centre found a wide range of ages, incomes and political preferences among the protesters; they are not just the young, well-off middle class. What they have in common is their level of education: 70% were graduates." This omits the fact that even in Soviet times, Russia had one of the most highly literate and educated societies in the world. The present level of education of today's protesters, seen in that larger context, loses much of its significance and association with the desire for democracy.

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The media has also focused on how this younger and more mobile generation has been acting as a "catalyst" for discontent now felt across the country. Again, while this is true to some extent, I do recall seeing the early steps of this nascent "creative class," as it is sometimes called, as a journalist in the early 2000s and as late as 2008, and speaking from my perceptions and for those years, this emerging middle class seemed, perhaps understandably,

to be more interested in tasting the sweet pleasures of the Western life (with foreign travels and holidays, brand-name clothes, cars, and cosmetics, dining, and night-clubbing), than in defending liberal democratic values.

In fact, the latter have never really been a unifying factor or ideal national goal fervently pursued in the whole country at any given time in post-Soviet Russia — perhaps not surprisingly, given the size and cultural diversity of the country. This is not to say that democracy only suits certain cultures — obviously it doesn't discriminate. But you do need a unified opposition that can speak to all these diverse peoples in an attractive and coherent manner that makes sense to all — and this has been sorely lacking in the new Russia. So far, such pro-democracy efforts have been too isolated and unsupported by institutions.

There are other subtle signs that make me question the reportedly deep and long-date desires for democratic change that Western media and Russia experts are quick to attribute to whom they call "the children of the Soviet Intelligentsia."

Many among Russia's foreign trade and diplomatic partners are putting all their hopes on the higher echelons of this educated class — the well-connected, influential elite in business and the creative industries — but I have seen too many figures in these sectors keep their mouths shut about Kremlin abuses of power and other injustices, and suck up to the authorities.

While being precisely the people with the concrete means and public exposure to send some powerful messages about liberal

ideals, many (although obviously not all) ended up openly supporting Putin's policies, simply because they feared losing their positions, plushy jobs, contacts, or whatever of value they might lose.

The reality in Russia is that wealth is acquired very quickly — but can also be lost tomorrow just as fast.

The reality in Russia is that wealth is acquired very quickly — but can also be lost tomorrow just as fast. Nothing is guaranteed in such an unregulated, dysfunctional system, unprotected by the usual legal guarantees one would expect from a democratic nation. And in such a dysfunctional environment, friendships and alliances are made — and dissolved — very quickly and unpredictably. The way post-Soviet Russia has been bullying its former "friends" — satellite countries of the former Soviet Bloc — is a sign of this on the scale of foreign relations.

But in the everyday life of Russian society, broadly speaking, I have often witnessed how some deep, usually long-nurtured values such as free expression, care for one's fellow beings, and independence, for example, are being sacrificed with little second thought for the immediate pleasures of a much more fickle and material nature.

This article is the fourth in a series on Russia's presidential election, popular street protests, and Putin's new presidency.

How does 2012 measure up to past elections?

If voters are said to have a short memory, then the media must have short term memory loss

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Anyone listening to the talking heads on television for the last two months might be surprised with the above reaction. If there has been one consistent point thrown around by the pundits and political class, it is that there was only one winner from a GOP primary battle: President Barack Obama. From the whose who of political operatives to talk radio commentators, it seems

memory loss. The political punditry seems to have forgotten, a similar, if not increasingly bloody campaign took place four years ago. The 2008 democratic contest pitted an untested junior senator successfully battled a political heavyweight for almost the entire primary season. No one can argue that the intensity and length of the 2008 campaign did not help candidate Obama in the general election which followed.

If the Obama campaign was indeed rooting for a prolonged GOP nomination battle, it needs some new political advisors quickly. In fact, from a Republican perspective, the GOP 2012 campaign could not have been better scripted.

The truth is, a prolonged campaign battle, if handled correctly, is perhaps one of the most advantageous occurrences for a presidential campaign and political party. It was true in 1960 and exponentially more accurate today. This is because in today's 24 hour news cycle, where "breaking news" and soundbites reign supreme, media coverage and exposure is the lifeblood of a campaign. For a ratings-obsessed media, a bloody contest beats out a "no-contest" any day.

It must be said that the 2012 GOP campaign has been a major advantage to the GOP and its presumptive nominee. One of the main criticisms directed at Governor Mitt Romney is that he seems to be robotic and stiff. It is hard to imagine a positive

outcome of a nearly yearlong campaign between Romney and one of the most effective campaigners of our generation, Obama. Additionally, voters have been exposed to the positions of not only Romney and the other GOP candidates, but the rumored VP candidates as well, including Chris Christie and Paul Ryan, both fiscal conservatives who have taken bold steps to try and jump-start the economic recovery. Contrast this with the coverage of Obama's accomplishments as of late, namely a historic 414-0 defeat of his budget in the house.

Political candidates who run without opposition tend to accomplish less when in office.

Romney has also honed his argument distancing himself from Obamacare, and now sounds credible when enumerating the differences between the federal power-grab and his state-first solution. Romney has also been vetted more thoroughly, and past attacks will hold less weight when used again, this time in the general election contest. Lastly, the campaign was good for the country.

Political candidates who run without opposition tend to accomplish less when in office. They are complacent and had not

previously had to enumerate positions to which they could be held to later on. It can be said that Governor Ronald Reagan's 1976 primary battle with President Gerald Ford cemented Reagan's positions, and thus Reagan conservatism was born. When Reagan was finally elected in 1980, he accomplished a great deal in his first four years.

Similarly, Obama was forced to focus on reforming healthcare, a major piece of legislation. These outcomes are in stark contrast to the anemic accomplishments of the democratic supermajority which swept into power nearly unopposed in the 2006-2010 period. Those two congresses failed to address any significant issues and kicked the debt and entitlement issues down the road for the later generations. Should Romney emerge victorious in November, precedent dictates that he will be expected to pursue major goals, especially the issues of tax and entitlement reform.

So while you can look forward in the days ahead to hearing the talking heads recycle anew the "fallout" of the Santorum vs. Romney fight, remember the elections of 1960 and 2008, their eventual victors, and how the country might benefit as a result. You might also ask yourself if you know more about Herman Cain's tax-reform plan than Obama's.

A.J. Edelman is a member of the class of 2014.

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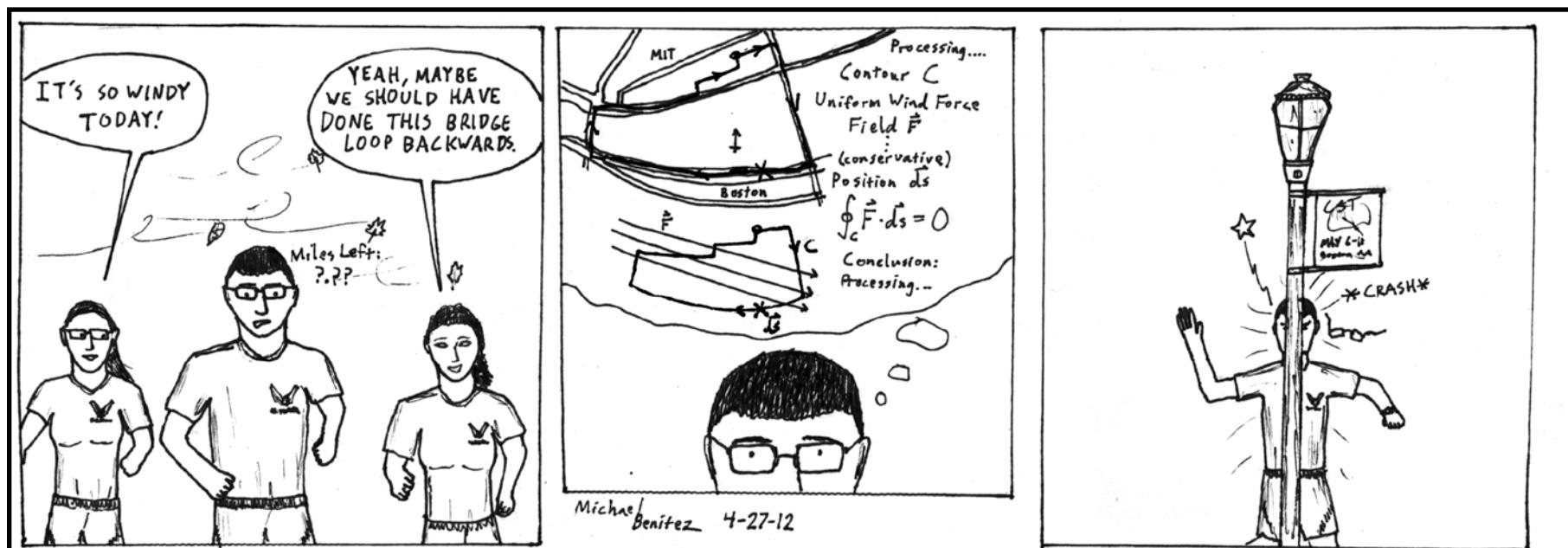
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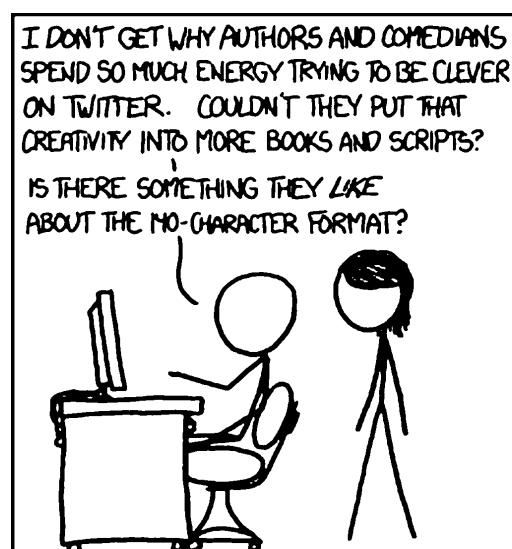
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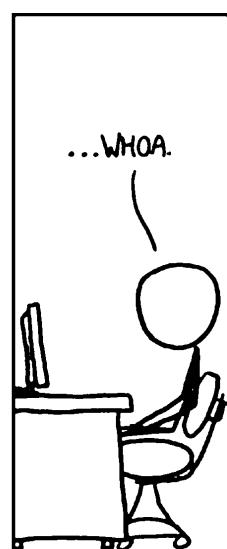
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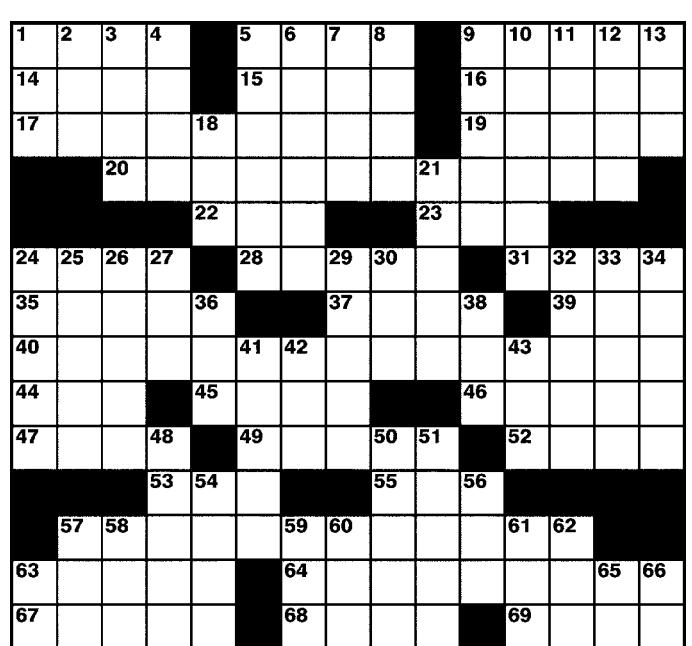
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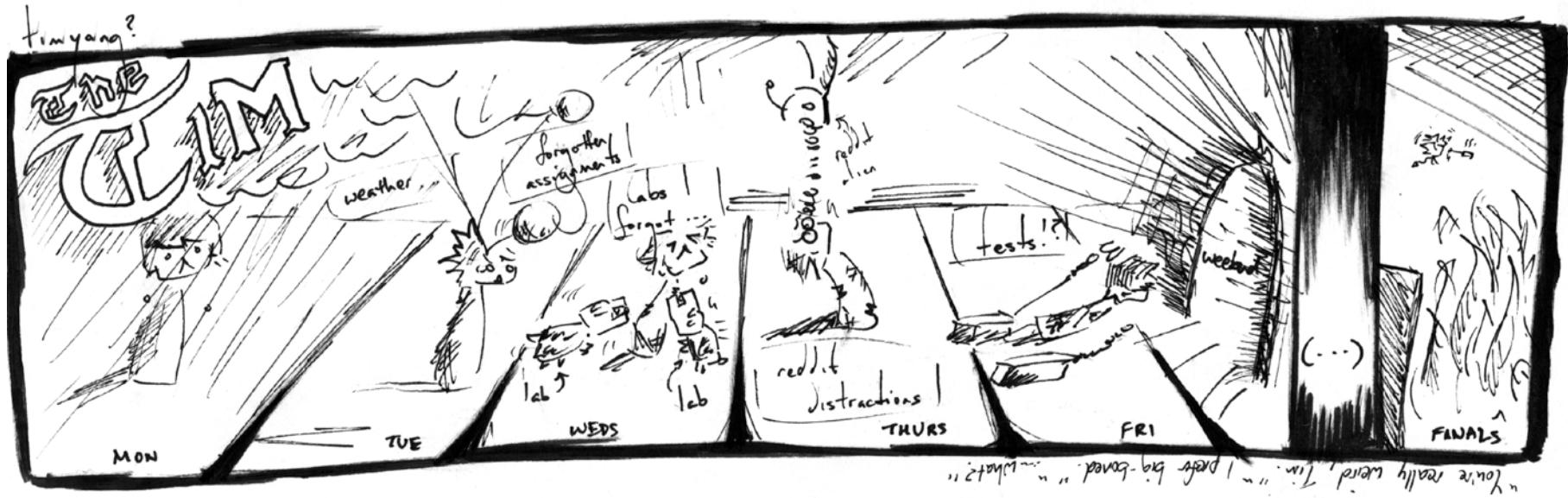
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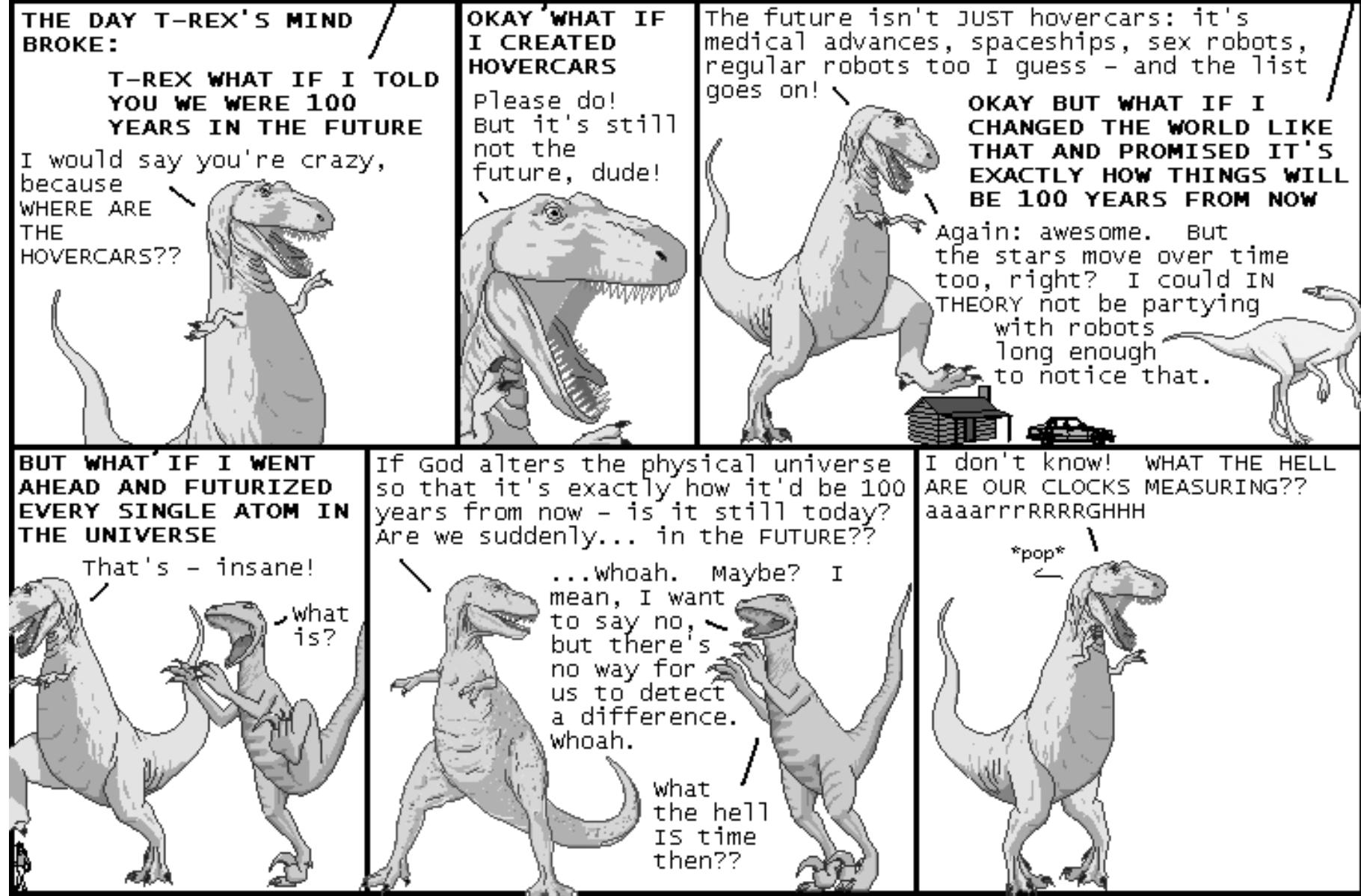
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Sudoku

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CONVENTION REVIEW

Comic fans, unite!

Artists, readers, and cosplayers mingle at Boston Comic Con

By Steve Sullivan
STAFF CARTOONIST

A far cry from the choked hallways and extravagant TV and movie premieres of the San Diego Comic-Con, Boston Comic Con is a true convention for comic books, their creators, and their fans. It's somewhere where fans can have great interactions with their favorite artists as well as meet new ones, and take part in events that were truly about the joy of comic books.

"Because so many of us work on comics alone, it's important for us to get together with other creators and meet the people reading them," said Cliff Chiang, the current artist for *Wonder Woman*.

Fans of all types thronged into Hynes Convention Center last Saturday and Sunday to celebrate comic books by attending artist panels, comedy performances, a film festival, and gaming tournaments.

Boston Comic-Con is also special because of the large number of independent and local artists and creators that attend the event. Walking further through the exhibition hall, we saw local artists like Sean Kasper of LuvCroft Comix around selling art and taking commissions that were a little more reasonably priced than those of the big names. Indie comics like David Petersen's *Mouse Guard* were also on display, providing a welcome reminder that DC and Marvel don't have a monopoly on telling stories through art.

Cosplayers were present in full force all over the convention, wearing costumes of comic book characters from Batman to Sinestro to Poison Ivy as well as characters from other mediums like Mr. T, Link, and the Ghostbusters — who were dwarfed in the main hall by a giant inflatable Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. Everyone was happy to stop and pose for pictures with us or by themselves, and other cosplayers frequently jumped in for group shots. We found the Mr. T cosplayer to be one of the most imaginative in how he posed with fans. He arm wrestled my friend for one picture and let me deliver a face-shattering punch in the other.

A chat with the creators

The artists in the exhibition hall were happy to chat and give autographs. Industry professionals like Tim Sale, who penciled and inked stories like *Batman: The Long Halloween* and *Spider-Man Blue*, were on hand

throughout the hall drawing commissions and selling some of their work.

By far, the most popular table at the show was that of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* co-creator Kevin Eastman. We waited in line for about two hours to meet the very personable artist and writer, who gave a free personal sketch for every fan. Eastman was happy to talk about comics in general and also the upcoming *Ninja Turtles* movie, which has aroused some fans by changing the turtles' origin to arriving from outer space.

'How I turned out all the work I did I'll never know.'

Joe Sinnott
FANTASTIC FOUR INKER

"Don't worry, I'm working closely with [the producers], and they're reacting to fan skepticism and working hard to make the movie awesome," he assured me. To give you an idea of how cool a guy Eastman is: he did me the pleasure of drawing one of the characters from my comic strip *Uppercut* with Leonardo of the Ninja Turtles, and took my friend's request to draw Batman as the pupil of Master Splinter from *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

Meeting the legends

Panels throughout the convention brought together different creators to talk about their careers. One panel had some of *Mad Magazine*'s most legendary contributors: former editor Al Feldstein, artist Paul Coker Jr., and Al Jaffee, who continues to contribute to the magazine after 55 years. They spoke about the environment of comics censorship that gave birth to *Mad Magazine*, the funny stories of how they became involved with *Mad*, and the art they enjoyed creating the most.

Jaffee began to work for *Mad* after Stan Lee, his editor at the time, played a practical joke on him when he suggested he might hire another artist in Jaffee's place. Attendees of the panel also spoke fondly of Paul Coker's recurring "Horrifying Clichés" series that turned common cliché statements into humorous monster pictures.

I attended another panel titled "Legends" that showcased some of the most accom-

plished creators in the industry. Bill Sienkiewicz, Bernie Wrightson, Joe Sinnott, and Bob Layton gathered to take questions and discuss just what it's like to be some of the most celebrated talents in comics.

"Legend" has an interesting connotation. When people say legend, they're being polite instead of calling you old," joked Layton, whose long run on *Iron Man* is credited with giving the character the personality and depth that has made the movie so popular today.

Joe Sinnott, whose art credentials at Marvel Comics are comparable to the narrative contributions of writer Stan Lee, remarked on his work on over 200 issues of early *Fantastic Four* comics. "I never read one of em," he said flatly. "I just didn't have the time. ... How I turned out all the work I did I'll never know."

The artists remarked on how they had to let go of being influenced by other people's work. "You learn by copying, but you can only copy so much. If you really take it to heart, you move on and make it something your own," said Bernie Wrightson, co-creator of iconic horror comic *Swamp Thing*.

The new DC Comics

DC Comics artists Jema Idile, Cliff Chiang, Francis Manapul, Ivan Reis, and Joe Prado gave a panel on their work in DC Comics' *New 52* reboot. For the uninitiated, DC Comics relaunched its entire universe last year in an effort to attract new readers, freeing characters like Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman from decades of backstory to let writers and artists take them in new directions.

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"There's a new playing ground. ... You're allowed to be a little bit more free than in stories from before," said Manapul, who is writing and penciling *The Flash*. "The trick in comics is that the main characters stay the same, but you change everything around them to create an illusion of change. With the *New 52*, we're actually creating new characters." Another topic of discussion was the changes that have come with DC simultane-



STEVE SULLIVAN—THE TECH
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles co-creator Kevin Eastman inks a sketch for a fan at his booth in the main hallway.

ously publishing comics in print and in the digital form. "I've tried to make my art look more organic, so people know this is something that was made by a person," Chiang said.

I caught up with Chiang at his booth in the exhibition hall later. Cliff's fresh art for the *Wonder Woman* relaunch is a big reason the series is one of the New 52's biggest hits. "It's been a rewarding opportunity to do [a reboot] on something so iconic," he said. "I feel like the character's been stuck for a long time. It's important to present the character as a symbol for a modern audience."

There were plenty of adventures to be had at the show. Realizing I needed something autographed by artist Joe Sinnott that he created, I journeyed into the comic merchant booths to locate some classic *Fantastic Four* issues of the '60s and '70s. We went through the same routine to get signatures from *Wolverine* co-creator Herb Trimpe, who reacted with disgust to the title of the comic I asked him to sign, *What if Wolverine Had Killed the Hulk*.

"Like that would ever happen," grunted Trimpe, who introduced Wolverine as an antagonist in issue #180 of *The Incredible Hulk*. He never anticipated the character becoming one of Marvel Comics' most popular superheroes.



STEVE SULLIVAN—THE TECH
Two DC Comic cosplayers pose for a photo together in the hallways of Boston Comic-Con.



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Stacks of comics litter the tables of a merchant's booth.



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Akamai CEO departs

By Michael B. Farrell
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Paul Sagan, chief executive of Akamai Technologies Inc., the giant Internet infrastructure company in Cambridge, said Wednesday that he would leave his post by the end of 2013, as the company adapts to the increasing use of mobile devices to surf the Internet.

In an interview, Sagan said he announced his departure now so that Akamai would not "have to rush" to find a new chief executive. "My primary goal is that we can have an even more successful third CEO," Sagan said, adding that the transition would bring "fresh ideas and change" to the company.

Sagan, appointed president of Akamai in 1999 and chief executive in 2005, led the company through some of its toughest challenges, including the death of cofounder Daniel Lewin in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the dot-com bust.

The challenge facing the company as it changes leadership will be to fend off competitors entering the Web content delivery business, and continuing to build its mobile technology, said Jim Davis, senior analyst at Tier 1 Research in San Francisco. A new chief executive will also need to grow Akamai's online security business, he added, which the company launched this year to help clients fend off cyber attacks.

Sagan has surrounded himself with an experienced management team that will leave the company in good hands as he moves on, Davis said. Sagan's departure "doesn't come as a big surprise," he said.

Solution to Sudoku from page 7

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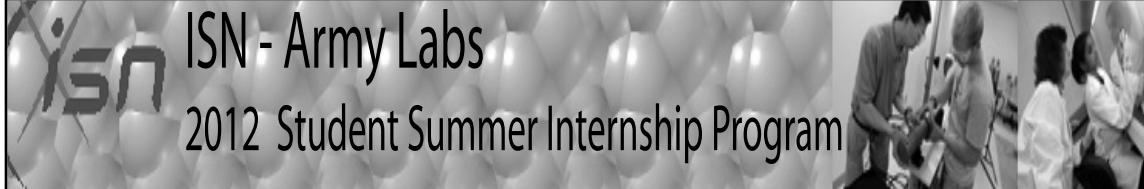
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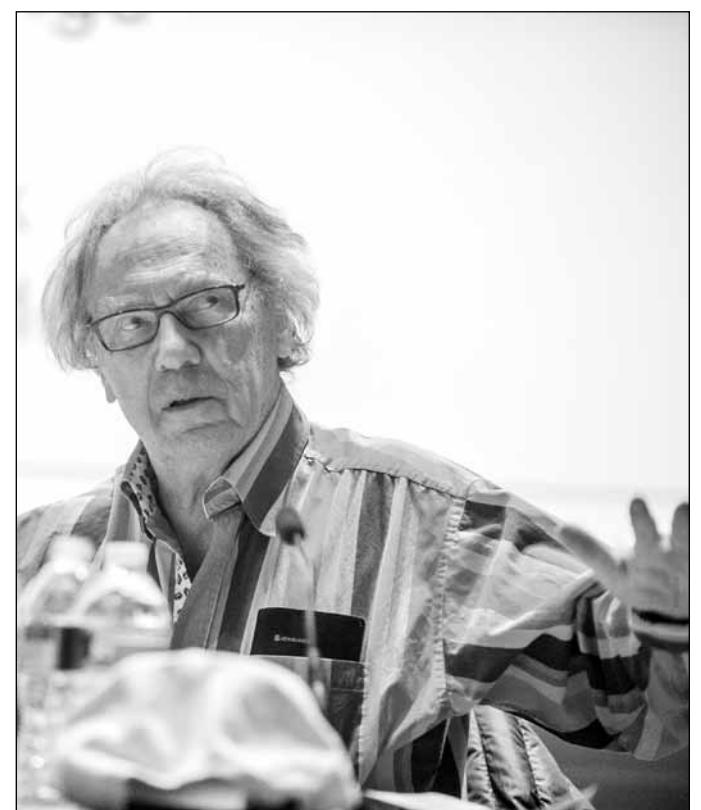
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TIFFANY JIA HUANG—THE TECH

Physics Professor Walter H. G. Lewin moderates the Science Trivia Challenge that took place in the Broad Institute on Wednesday night. Questions ranged from general science and engineering questions to identifying the beards of famous scientists.

Solution to Crossword

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Solution to Techdoku

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Updates in faculty newsletter

Discussion on MIT 2030, MITx, presidential search

FNL, from Page 1

University in St. Louis and former MIT provost and Course 5 department head.

Jacks and Reif told *The Tech* that they were "flattered" and "honored" to be named among such good company, but did not offer comment on their possible interest in the presidency.

"I am flattered to be on the list but I have already been President/Chancellor of two great universities and that is enough," Birgeneau said through a spokesperson. Aside from Berkeley, Birgeneau served as president of the University of Toronto from 2000-2004.

The other people suggested by the faculty did not respond to *Tech* email inquiries as of Thursday evening.

Other editorial board opinions asked for a continuation of key Hockfield administration policies: "Someone who will help broaden MIT's impact and involvement, particularly in reinvigorating U.S. technological and manufacturing prowess."

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MIT 2030: The response

In the November/December newsletter, faculty issued a coordinated statement to the administration: involve us in the campus planning process. Then, the editorial board had called for the formation of a faculty advisory committee to guide the MIT 2030 process.

Administration officials responded in this issue. "The recent FNL articles may have suggested that MIT's academic campus and our investment properties are in competition, or that we may be losing sight of the primacy of our academic vision," wrote Executive Vice Presi-

dent and Treasurer Israel Ruiz SM '01 and Associate Provost for Space Martin A. Schmidt. "But we believe that the two work together to enhance innovation and opportunity."

Ruiz and Schmidt had noted that development of MIT-owned property — like the spaces involved in the MIT 2030 vision, are all subject to a planning process that flows from the Committee for the Review of Space Planning, to the Building Committee, to the Executive Committee. Ruiz and Schmidt wrote that this process "is followed rigorously to ensure that academic interests are protected."

However, none of those committees appear to have faculty representation.

"Moving forward, we want to review and expand our commitment to ensuring that engagement occurs around specific charges and ques-

tions that are important to the Institute," they added.

The Working Group on the Future of Teaching and Learning Spaces at MIT, chaired by mechanical engineering professor John G. Brisson II, has been convened to plan for academic needs, according to Ruiz and Schmidt's column. The administration is also working to engage faculty through regularly scheduled faculty and dean meetings, they said.

"The editorial in the February 10 edition of *The Tech* urges students to take an active interest in 2030, and we echo that sentiment," they wrote, adding that the Chancellor and student deans would help "create opportunities" for students to get involved.

The full March/April faculty newsletter can be accessed online at <http://mit.edu/fnl/>.

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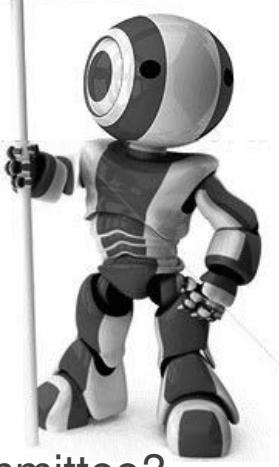
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Harvard student's death ruled suicide

*Wendy Chang, 22, remembered
as a warm and engaging woman*

By Travis Andersen

THE BOSTON GLOBE; APRIL 24, 2012

The state medical examiner's office has ruled that the Harvard College senior found dead in her room Saturday morning committed suicide.

Terrel Harris, a spokesman for the state agency that oversees the medical examiner, said in an email that the cause of death for Wendy Chang, 22, of Irvine, Calif., has been ruled asphyxia by hanging.

Chang wrote for *The Harvard Crimson* student newspaper and worked as a designer for the *Harvard Advocate*, a college literary journal

In a statement, college spokesman Jeff Neal said Chang's death was a tragedy for the entire campus.

"The safety, wellbeing and health of our students — including their mental health — are critically important to us," Neal said. "Harvard has a comprehensive system in place to support student mental health and we have reached out to students repeatedly to let them know that services are available to them, particularly after the loss of any member of our community."

Evelynn M. Hammonds SM '80, dean of the college, told students last week that Chang was an English major who had just completed an honors thesis on Edith Wharton.

She was also a member of the Crimson Key Society — a student group that gives tours of campus — wrote for *The Harvard Crimson* student newspaper and worked as a designer for the *Harvard Advocate*, a college literary journal, Hammonds said.

In a message to students today, she reminded them that mental health counselors are available on campus.

"As with any tragic loss within our community, everyone may be affected, including close friends, teammates, colleagues and even those who didn't get the chance to know Wendy," Hammonds wrote.

Friends remembered Chang last week as a warm and engaging woman who combined academic excellence with a love for painting and cooking, the Crimson reported.

Her death is the latest in a string of tragedies involving students in the Boston-area during the academic year.

Two MIT undergraduates took their own lives in the fall, and a Suffolk University senior died last week after apparently jumping from a campus building.

Earlier this month, a Boston University graduate student died in an apparent suicide after ingesting a toxic chemical in her South End apartment.

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Nine triathletes compete at Nationals in Ala.

Smith places 99th out of 397 as Landry leads men's team to best-ever 40th place finish



ARIADNE SMITH

The MIT Triathlon Club poses beneath the finishing chute at the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships.

By Shaena Berlin

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

This past weekend, five men and four women from the MIT Triathlon Club competed at the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Members raced against 1,200 graduate and undergraduate triathletes from over 100 schools across the nation in an Olympic distance triathlon, which consists of a 1500-meter swim followed by a 25-mile bike and a 6.2-mile run. The entire event takes between two and three hours to complete, with the fastest elite males finishing in just under two hours.

The MIT men's team posted its strongest finish ever, coming in 40th out of 74 scoring teams of all size divisions and program sponsorship levels. This placing resulted from strong performances from every MIT man who raced, of whom the top four counted toward the final score. Benoit Landry '14 posted the team's fastest time, coming in at 2:13:05 and 129th out of 1,200 overall, finishing off with a blazing 37:37 run split. Matthieu J. Talpe G finished one minute later, competing in his fourth consecutive Collegiate Na-

tional. Next up came Michael J. Frankovich G, with a fast 1:04 bike time honed by weekends competing in cycling road races. Samuel M. Nicaise G crossed the line next in 2:26 with solid times in every leg. Rounding out the men's team, Adam T. Jones G finished strong after having raced in the Boston Marathon just days earlier.

Unfortunately, due to a bike mechanical failure, only three MIT women completed the triathlon, leaving them without a valid scoring team. However, those three individuals posted very good results. Ariadne G. Smith G, a former MIT varsity swimmer, finished 99th out of 397 women in 2:34:33 with solid performances in every leg. Shaena R. Berlin '13 came in three minutes later, placing in the top 10 percent out of females in the bike leg. Finally, Caroline S. Lowenthal G completed the race even after running the Boston Marathon earlier in the week.

As a new fun event this year, four team members also competed in a draft-legal mixed-team sprint relay a few hours after the Olympic race. In this relay, each team member swam 250 yards, biked 3.5 miles, and ran one mile. The team consisted of two males and two females, including Edrie B. Ortega G along with Lowenthal, Frankovich, and Nicaise.

Track and field dominates at weekend invitationals

Men and women's teams will travel to Smith College for NEWMAC championships

By Lauren Kuntz
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

This past weekend the MIT track and field team was split between two invitational meets. Although the meets were non-scoring, MIT posted some solid performances as the team prepares for the championship season.

A small group of distance athletes traveled to Princeton University to run with solid Division I competition. Kyle J. Hannon '13 rose to the occasion in the 1500 m with a time of 3:50.73 which is the 6th best mark in Division III this year. Two freshman records fell at Princeton with Samuel G. Parker '15 finishing the 800 m in a time of 1:54.00 and Elaine D. McVay '15 running a 17:15.42 in the 5000 m.

The rest of the team remained at home for MIT's coed invite. The invite brought teams from all over New England, including Tufts, Harvard, and Brown. On the women's side, more rookie records fell with Preethi Vaidyanathan '15 jump-

ing 5'3" to take second in the high jump, and Cindy Huang taking second in the 800 m with a time of 2:16.47.

On the track, seniors Jamie L. Simmons and Portia M. Jones took first and second in the 400m hurdles. Posting times of 61.89 and 62.12, they are currently ranked second and third in Division III. Tilly Taylor '15 continued to dominate in the javelin throw, winning the event. Teammates Ellen B. Liverpool '15, Christine E. Labaza '14, and Ashley R. Wheeler '15 all had impressive performances in the throwing events, each setting personal bests. In the jumping events, Michelle O. Johnson '15 took home a win in the triple jump with a mark of 36'7.35", while Lauren B. Kuntz '13 won the pole vault in a jump off clearing 12'1.5".

On the men's side, Daniel E. Harper '12 had a tremendous showing in the 10,000 m. Winning the event with a time of 30:30.57, Harper now has the 15th best time in Division III this season. In the 800 m, Patrick K. Marx '13 led the engineers with a winning time of 1:54.24, followed by Gilbert O'Neill



Katherine A. Wymbs '14 leaps in the women's pole vault at MIT's non-scoring Spring Invitational this past Saturday afternoon. The Engineers will be competing in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference championship at Smith College this weekend.

and Jared M. Forman '13 who took 7th and 9th.

In the field events, Chinedum K. Umachi '12 won the hammer throw and took third in discus. The Tech athletes had a strong showing

in the pole vault with Nathan E. Peterson '12, Yida Gao '13, and Colin P. Hong '15 taking second, third, and fourth in the event. In the triple jump, Jackson O. Wirekoh '13 won the event with a jump of 45'1.75",

followed by teammate Sheldon N. Trotman '15 who took second.

This weekend, both teams will travel to Smith College for the NEWMAC championships to defend their titles.



XIAOYI REN

The MIT women's varsity lightweight crew team rows in a regatta co-hosted by MIT and Harvard-Radcliffe on Sunday. Other teams competing in the regatta included the University at Buffalo, UMass, and Stanford.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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